

## Introduction to Mindfulness

In recent decades, researchers have been learning that Mindfulness not only helps us live healthier lives, but reduces emotional problems such as depression, anxiety, and anger; helps with sleep difficulties; improves concentration, memory, and immune system function; and generates changes in our brain that helps to counteract the problems in thinking we start to experience as we age.

This seminar will provide an introduction to mindfulness. Participants will learn about the different ways mindfulness is helpful for both physical and mental health. They will be introduced to some different ways of practicing mindfulness, and will learn some tips to help them teach these skills to clients, as well as problems clients often encounter when first learning about mindfulness.

### Target Audience

Psychologists  
Therapists

Social Workers  
Psychiatrists

Counselors  
Nurses

Course level: Intermediate

### Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will:

1. Be able to practice mindfulness in a variety of ways
2. Teach mindfulness to clients in individual or group sessions
3. Explain three ways mindfulness is helpful for clients with mental health problems
4. Explain the importance of practicing mindfulness ourselves as clinicians
5. Identify three benefits of mindfulness

### Seminar Schedule

Typically begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 1:15 PM Eastern time. However, check the webinar schedule.

## Outline

Begin 1 PM ET

The benefits of mindfulness  
A definition of mindfulness  
Why practice mindfulness  
Two types of practice

Break 2:30-2:45 PM ET

Mindfulness and emotion regulation  
Tips for teaching mindfulness  
Problems clients encounter  
Mindfulness as part of self-care

End 4:15 PM ET

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## The Presenter

Sheri is a registered Social Worker who has been working in the mental health field since 2000, both at a community hospital outpatient clinic and now in her full-time private practice. Sheri works with clients aged 16 and older who are experiencing severe mental health problems; she has had extensive training in mindfulness and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) and has been running DBT-informed groups since 2004.

Sheri is the author of nine DBT books for both adults and teens, the focus of which is to teach clients how to use DBT skills to help them live emotionally healthier lives. She has also written *DBT Made Simple*, the aim of which was to make DBT more accessible to therapists working with diagnoses other than borderline personality disorder; and she has been presenting extensively in Canada and abroad with this goal as well. Sheri is the winner of the R.O. Jones award for her research on using DBT skills with bipolar disorder, presented at the Canadian Psychiatric Association Conference in September, 2010.

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